

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "TECHNIQUE FOR SYNCHRONIZING REDUNDANT NETWORK ELEMENTS", the specification of which:

(X only one) (a) X is attached hereto.
 (b) was filed as U.S. Patent Application No. _____ on _____, 20____, and was amended on _____, 20____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including, for a continuation-in-part application, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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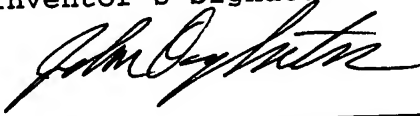
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36, 3.71, and 3.73, Nortel Networks Limited, the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-referenced patent application and/or patent by virtue of the assignment (check as applicable):

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